

REPORT

OF THE

FIANCIAL AFFAIRS

RE THE

TOWN OF ENFIELD,

ALSO, OF THE

• SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 11, 1862.



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ACCOUNTS.

We, the Auditors of the Town of Enfield for the year ending Feb. 20, 1862, have attended to the duties assigned us, and submit the following

REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows :

Received of the Town Treasurer of last year,	\$242 05
E. H. Blish note;	8 85
State Literary fund for 1861,	146 40
Town of Canaan for School District No. 9,	33 43
North Enfield Aqueduct Co. (on Bugbee case,)	120 13
J. W. Johnson, whole amount of tax collected,	5267 93
School District No. 6 for school-house tax,	379 09
No. 3,	8 08
State Rail Road Tax,	152 04
E. C. Chandler, Liquor agent,	43 60
A. V. Cox, do. five months,	10 00
Mrs. Ednor Morgan, (cash borrowed)	200 00
Cash borrowed of W. Pattee,	200 00
Lebanon Bank on note,	300 00
J. R. Johnson "	40 00
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	\$7151 65

The Selectmen discharge themselves as follows :

Paid State Tax - - -	\$345 80
County Tax, - -	747 62—1093 00
School Money as follows :	
No. 1. B. F. Burnham,	342 98
2, A. C. Lovejoy,	76 54
3, Tracy H. Jones,	59 01
4, F. P. Currier,	90 09
6, El / Story,	95 65
7, T. J. Pillsbury,	50 22
9, W. W. Smith,	86 69
10, F. Pettingill,	79 86

11, Mark Purmort,	135 44
12, Convers Goodhue.	83 49
13, C. M. Dyer,	177 74
14, Eben W. Gove,	43 82
15, Ezra Day,	81 81
16, Ansel P. Howe,	53 47
17, C. L. Clark,	76 49
18, G. W. Thurston,	74 86
Springfield District, E. Emerson,	6 16
Plainfield District, G. W. Smith,	5 26

\$1619 48

Repairing Roads.

Besides Highway Tax.

Paid Ebenezer Gile, work on road,	5 00
Henry Morse, do.	2 25
Nathaniel Purmort, do.	2 00
Elihu F. Foster, do.	25 65
T. Kidder, Jr. do.	46 93
John Jones, do.	5 50
A. French, do.	4 50
F. P. Currier, do.	3 30
C. Houston, do.	15 00
J. E. Pattee, do.	1 00

\$111 33

L. Day—Building Road and Causeway near his dwelling-house
\$21 87

Repairing Bridges and Plank.

Paid John Loverin work on bridges,	1 00
537 feet plank,	3 75
C. Washburn, 1922 feet 3-inch plank,	20 10
Edward Eaton, Jr.,—making 556 lbs. of bolts	6 75
for Shaker Hill Bridge—washers for same,	1 25
Bolts and washers for Follansbee bridge,	1 83
S. R. Godfrey—extra work besides taxes on Shaker bridge,	52 13
Eben Gile, 106 feet plank	7 43
Henry Morse, 145 feet plank	99
A. P. Howe, 452 feet plank	3 41
N. P. Purmort, 1022 feet plank	6 61
M. Dutton, 1147 feet plank	7 67
200 feet timber	0
M. T. Purmont, 303 feet plank	2 12
F. T. Foster, plank and timber	2 18
T. Kidder, Jr., work on bridges	7 00
plank and timber	5 25

B. F. Burnham, putting rails on bridge	12 00
J. Jones, 459 feet plank	2 98
A. French, 650 feet do.	4 30
G. W. Choate, 275 feet do.	1 92
T. E. Fernald, plank and timber	5 17
J. C. Clough, 1164 plank	6 98
F. P. Currier, 1764 feet plank	10 58
William Huse, 1639 feet spruce timber	16 39
833 feet hemlock do.	5 83
William Wilson, 960 feet plank	5 76
F. C. Jenne, 1562 feet do.	10 15
C. Goodhue, 1164 feet do.	6 40
G. W. Thurston, lumber used on road	13 22
C. M. Dyer, 10,000 feet hemlock timber on bridge	35 00
24 spruce piles	11 00
plank and timber 464 feet	30 16
pine railing	3 20
work over tax bill	143 77
C. G. Morgan & Co.—Nails & Iron on Bridges,	2 20
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	\$463 31

Breaking Roads.

Paid I. S. Johnson for cutting ice on Shaker Bridge (Feb. 1861)	50
J. P. Follansbee, for breaking Feb. 1861,	5 25
John Loverin, do. do. Mar. 1861,	3 00
J. C. Pattee, do. do. Mar. 1861,	78

Breaking roads this Winter.

Eben Gile 9,25 ; H. Morse 2,00 ; D. M. Stevens 1,40,	12 65
John Jones 15,50 ; A. French 33,20 ; Milton Babbit 5,20,	53 90
F. P. Currier 3,20 ; E. R. Dustin 7,25 ; J. H. Morse 29,58,	33 73
G. W. Choate 8,50 ; John Loverin 38 53 ; T. E. Fernald 6,25,	55 28
T. Kidder Jr. 16,00 ; A. P. Howe 23,80 ; E. F. Foster 22,35,	62 15
Uri Perley 2,00 ; H. B. Jones 3,80 ; Calvin Gage 3,30,	9 20
G. Atwell 29,55 ; Theo Goodhue 2,00 ; Wm. R. Brownell 6,00,	37 55
J. R. Heath 7,55 ; D. Goodrich 2,00 ; Eli Story 1,10,	10 65
Roswell Gage 4,40 ; Ira S. Gile 5,50 ; E. Emerson 50c,	10 40
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	\$299 24

Damage of Insufficiency of Roads.

Paid J. P. Carr damage on sleigh, March, 1861,	5 00
Roswell Gage do. on waggon,	4 00
Samuel Gage do. to team,	15 00
H. Pillsbury do. to ox on bridge,	10 00
George W. Choate do. to son on bridge,	35 00
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	\$69 90

Abatement of Taxes—1857.

Ezra Bodet 2,04; John Fox 2,04; Lewis Pillsbury 30c, 4 58
A. P. Wood 1,02; I. W. Butman 18c—\$5,58 int. on same, 99c, 6 57

Abatement of 1860. J. W. Johnson's Bill.

A.A. Bradbury 1,58; Baily Bachelor 1,71; O.W. Biathrow 1,58, 4 87
T.W. Currier 1,58; H. W. Clark 1,58; E. Chesley 1,72, 4 88
W. Giddings 11,48; M. Hastings 1,58; M. W. Maynard 3,24, 17 30
Wm. Rutherford 1,58; Sam'l Stevens 1,32; Timo. Sullivan 2,90, 5 80
E. L. G. Thayer 2,57; D. G. Wariner 1,58; Wm. P. Sanborn 1,58, 5 73
Interest on same, 2,28, \$39 86

Abatement of 1861. J. W. Johnson's Bill.

E. Austin, J. F. Burrill, James Bolton, J. W. Choate, A. Collins, J.
Clough, T. J. Carlton, M. C. Colecord, C. C. Cook, Francis Decater,
E. D. Eastman, T. I. Estus, H. Fales, G. Fuller, John Huse, A. Has-
tings, H. B. Jewell, Paul Kinston, L. A. Loughton, J. C. Lee, G. S.
Martin, Erastus Nesmith, L. J. Strong, H. H. Sawyer, C. Shedd, Wm.
P. Sanborn, R. C. Thompson, H. F. Tilton, T. Wier, S. Franklin, C.
Edson, L. N. Miner, each \$2.16, making 69 12
The Bell Heirs 0,90; T. Butman 3,00; L. F. Seabring 2,34,
H. Stickney, 45; E. L. G. Thayer 3,62; O. T. Willowby 2,34,
T. Watts 2,34; Philip Church 3,38; N. S. Holt 6,30,
B. F. Leach 1,80; Eli Story 68c; G. Atwell 3,99,
C. Follansbee 50c; D. Kimball 2,73; H. Morse 4,56,
C. Gage 3,60; D. B. Gage 3,15, 45 68

Total abatements, \$161,33

Old Bills not before reported as paid.

Paid E. Emerson for School due Springfield Dist. 1860 4 99
E. Powers for being detained at home last year on ac-
count of small pox 6 00
D. Currier for drawing plank for bridge at E. Enfield 5 00
H. W. Hardy—services on farm last year 173 00
L. Days building mountain road 1860 108 36
William Wilson 1540 feet plank 1840 9 24
H. Harris for bill for work on road 1860, 3 50
\$308 09

Lawsuits.

Paid—Matthew Bryant, Town Agent
Cash paid out in Winship and Lesley suits, 281 74
Bugbee Suit.
Paid Peter Bugbee to settle said suit 200 00
J. D. Sleeper for referees' expenses 18 00
Daniel Blaisdell—cost 22 26
Pike & Barnard—services 7 00
G. S. Towle—do. 27 25
\$274 51

Samuel Choate, execution and cost on road suit	381 46
J. C. Goodhue suit—	
Paid Loren and A. H. Smith—depositions	3 00
W. C. Smith—taking the same	2 17
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	5 17
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	\$942 88

Service.

Paid John Jones—services after settlement last year	5 70
Sam'l Choate do. do.	2 00
S. Williams, services as Treasurer	3 00
Sup. School Cemmittee	24 00
Selectman	70 00
J. W. Johnson—Collector Town Taxes	60 00
Collecting tax in Dist. No. 6	10 00
C. C. Dodge—Town Clerk	18 97
William O. Baldwin, S. School Com.	30 33
Jona. B. Sargent, Selectman	64 00
Treasurer	8 00
C. L. Clark, Selectman	99 00
W. C. Smith, Auditor	6 00
B. F. Burnham, do.	6 00
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	\$402 00

Miscellaneous.

Paid Samuel Williams' expenses to Franklin	\$2 90
Hanover	1 35
Postage and stationary	1 30
David Kimball, Town Reports	20 00
H. French, for finishing school-house job No. 9	37 95
J. W. Patterson, school-com.	19 76
Morril & Silsby, stationary and books	2 75
Wyman Pattee—note of Interest	201 30
Eli Story—building school-house in Dist. No. 6	330 00
C. C. Dodge—repairing warrant box	38
F. P. Currier—two guide poets and setting same	1 50
D. Goodrich—use of watering-trough	2 00
Samuel Choate—perambulating town lines	5 25
Wm. C. Smith—watering rough	2 00
perambulating Canaan and Enfield line	75
A. L. Clark—watering-trough	2 00
Samuel Stevens do.	2 00
Shaker's North and South families water tubs	3 00
Iehabod Heath, cleaning town-house	2 00
T. H. Currie, bill for doctoring and vaccinating	1 80

Wm. S. El'a, perambulating town-line	1 00
Wm. Washburn, interest on H. W. Hardy's note	10 74
E. C. Chandler's bill, for W. C. Pillsbury	50
G. W. Fisher, sawing wood for town-house	1 00
A. C. Fifield, removing snow from town-house	1 00
Uri Perley, Interest on note	60 00
Lebanon Bank, note and interest	303 75
J. R. Johnson do. do.	41 80
Express, postage and copying	1 75
Overseer of the Poor	119 89
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	\$1180 97

Aid to Volunteers' Families.

Paid to Mrs. A. J. Roberts 24 00; Mrs. J. C. Lee 34 90;	58 90
Mary Ann Seabring 7 00; C. D. Banks 31 00;	38 00
L. N. Miner 24 00; C. Shedd 36 00;	60 00
C. Edson 48 00; L. J. Strong 48 00;	96 00
E. L. Thayer 24 00; T. Wier 21 00;	45 00
Mr. H. Washburn for child of I. F. Burrill;	20 00
Mrs. Nancy Putnam 16 00; D. N. Ladd 16 00;	32 00
Mrs. Eleanor Collins	16 00
H. Moody for his son Henry Moody,	8 00
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	\$373 99

Recapitulation.

State and County Tax,	1093 42
School Money,	1619 48
Repairing roads,	111 33
Building Road,	21 87
Repairing bridges and plank	463 31
Breaking roads	299 24
Damage of insufficiency of Road	69 00
Abatement of taxes	161 23
Bills not before reported as paid out	308 09
Lawsuits	942 88
Services,	402 00
Miscellaneous,	1180 97
Aid to families of volunteers	373 90
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Total amount paid out	\$7046 72
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	104 93
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Which balances the funds in the Selectmen's hands,	\$7151 65

Present Liabilities of the Town.

Due Lewis Cogswell, Note and interest	\$530 00
Uri Perley, Note	1000 00
Mary Emerson, Note and interest	219 21
John Johnson do.	334 41
Horace Atwell do.	434 00
H. W. Hardy, note	171 00
Mrs. Ednor Morgan, Note and and one year's interest	212 00
D. M. Moody, Note	129 42
David Goodhue, Note	300 00
School District No. 17—balance of tax and interest	26 26
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Amount of liabilities	\$3356 30

Available Funds.

Funds in E. C. Chandler's hands	55 45
A. V. Cox's hands	\$62 95—118 40
Due from County	484 53
from State for aid to Soldier's families	373 90
from T. T. Hadley for two cords wood	4 00
from E. H. Blish for do.	2 00
Cash in the Treasurer's hands	104 93
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Total Availabilities	\$1087 76
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Total liabilities above availabilities Feb. 24, 1862	\$2268 54
Liabilities as per last year's report	2143 58
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Liabilities more this year than last	\$124 96
All of which is respectfully submitted—	

WILLIAM C. SMITH, }
B. F. BURNHAM, } Auditors.

OVERSEER'S REPORT.

The Overseer charges himself as follows :

Received of County for support of the following persons :

Joseph Huse	\$66,14	Martin Fox and Family	55,62	G. W. Fish-	
ea and family	112,99	Joseph Huntress	132,99	Wm. Maxwell	33,38
Mrs. Baker	30,99	transient persons	9,50		
Received of town of Plainfield for C. D. Banks' family					439,53
do.		Lebanon for Mrs. Maxwell and children			41,90
		up to July 4, 1861			18,09
do-		Lebanon for John Fox's wife			12,80
do,		Canaan for Gordon's family			25,90
do-		Wilmot for Wm. P. Sanborn's wife			3,00
do.		Springfield			1,75

Of H. Moody for calf ,75 ; of W. O. Baldwin for 41 lbs. butter 6,15 ; A. P. Hatch for pasturing horse ,25 ; I. W. Johnson for 187 lbs. wool 60,48 ; of T. T. Hadley for cord wood 2,00 ; of Wm. Washburn, Jr. for 15 sheep 37,59 ; of A. Brownell for pasturing sheep 5,25 ; of R. Colby for 3 lambs 3,25 ; of J. W. Sulloway for 5 cords wood 9,87 ; of Mrs. J. C. Lee for 8 cords wood 14,09 ; of Theo. Goodhue for pasturing 2,00 ; C. L. Clark for pasturing 1,90 ; do. for use of oxen ,75 ; do. for 29 lbs. cheese 2,90 ; J. F. Bryant 1 1-2 cords wood 3,90 ; do. scythe returned 1,99 ; do. for 52 lbs. hide 3,12 ; do. for 1 pelt ,67 ; of M. Purmort for 2 3-4 cords wood 5,50 ; do. for eggs ,46 ; of E. H. Blish for 1 cord wood 2,00 ; of C. C. Dodge for 1 cord wood 2,09 ; of J. Andrews for use of team ,59 ; of C. G. Morgan & Co. for eggs 1,41 ; of G. W. Winship for use of oxen 2,59 ; of Colby & Brownell for drag plank ,69 ; of E. Eaton for work and team 1,09 ; of Marston & Fifield for ash lumber 8,50 ; of J. Johnson for 3-4 cord wood 1,50

179,91

\$721,89

Overseer discharges himself as follows :

PAID FOR POOR ON FARM.

Mrs. Sarah Goodhue 2 bu. S. Wheat 3,30 ; 4 1-2 bu. potatoes 1,37	
shearing sheep 1,50 ; drawing hay ,34	6 71
G. W. Johnson repairing lead pipe ,38 ; A. Brownell 7 bu. potatoes 1,67 ; J. Andrews shoemaking ,30 ; Simeon Garland white-	
washing 1 day 1,25 ; J. G. Flanders butchering 1,00 ; I. W. Sulloway yarn 1,75 ; R. H. Van Buskirk tin ware and S. pipe 1,51	7 86
A. B. Proctor blacksmithing 7,09 ; W. Washburn, Jr. 18 bu. potatoes 3,34 ; T. J. Estes services at funeral of A. Eastman ,50	10 84
E. W. Story 1 coffin, robe and cap for A. Eastman	6 09
J. P. Carr carrying corpe to grave 1,00 ; D. Goodrich digging graue 2,00 ; C. U. Dunning services at funeral 2,90 ; G. W. Conant services at funeral of A. Eastman 3,00 ; G. W. Winship services at funeral of A. Eastman 2,00	10 00
G. W. Winship 2150 lbs. hay 13,95 ; do. 2 bu. S. wheat 3,50	17 45

B. F. Skinner visit and medicine A. Eastman 1 00
 E. P. Howe 3550 lbs. huy 22,18; E. Eaton blacksmithing 1,16 23 34

C. G. Morgan & Co.'s bill.

7 gall. molasses 2,74; 2 lbs sugar, 22; 4 B. wicking, 24; 2 doz.
 crackers, 10; 1-2 lb raisins, 8; 1 bag salt, 25; 3 lbs tea 2,89; 2 1-2
 lbs tobacco, 82; 1 hoe, 50; 1 butter firkin, 25; 6 lbs coffee 1,20
 4 lbs nails, 17; 9 galls. molasses 3,38; 1 qt oil, 20; 1 axe helve, 17
 door bolt and screws, 2 yds tweed, 50; goods, 39 13 55

G. W. Clark's bill.

58 lbs rye meal, 80; bbl flour 7,50; 2 bu. wheat 3,25; 50 R. meal, 80
 50 lbs C. meal, 70; 59 R. meal, 80 13 95

Joseph Stanley repairing pump 5 68

Wm Codman making ox yoke 1 25

Colby & Brownell sawing bill 2 17

D. M. Moody cash 89 00

do. do. for help in the house 4 00

J. F. Bryant's bill.

3 bags salt, 55; 2 bu. do. 1,20; 2 whip lashes, 16; 4 pr shoes 5,07
 2 pr boots 4,50; 1 1-2 oz. camphor, 9; 11 galls. molasses 3,88
 2 prs suspenders, 40; 11 lbs tea 7,99; 8 do. tobacco 2,45; 21 do.
 sugar 1,89; matches, 26; pipes, 6; 3 files, 30; 6 lbs coffee, 64
 12 do. saleratus, 72; 1 do. cr. tartar, 42; 44 do. codfish 2,19
 14 do. nails, 69; 3-4 do. raisins, 9; soap, 59; 19 yds cot. cloth, 76
 5 do. denims, 70; thread, 40; 7 bags flour 12,87; 8 lbs rice, 64
 1 do. salt peter, 16; 1 1-2 yds calico, 16; 1 pr white hose, 21; 1
 wash dish, 25; 1 qt kerosene, 25; 1 axe helve, 20; 1 tea canister
 10; 1 palm hat, 13; 1 lb starch, 12; knife, 33; 13 1-2 qts c. seed
 1,59; 7 tin pans 1,42; 1 hat, 58; 2 yds tweed, 50; lampblack, 4
 broom, 20; scythe 1,00; 2 combs, 22; pk. buckwheat, 12; tub, 50
 1-5 lb sulphur, 4; scythe stone, 8; lb ginger, 10; bot. p. killer, 25
 do. Pierce bitters 1,00; 11 1-2 lbs veal, 51; paper tacks, 8; 18
 lbs pork 1,98, 4 1-2 yds satinett 1,71, comforter, 40, 5 panes glass
 -15, pr mittens 1,25, C. oil, 10, pt sp. turpentine, 10, 11 1-2 lbs
 dried apples 1,44 68 09

Mark Purmort's bill.

5 lbs coffee, 83, 4 1-2 do. tea 3,48, 1718 do. meal 19,36, 8 do. tobacco 1,94, 9 papers do. 57, 30 lbs sugar 2,62, 103 3-4 do. pork 12,97
 7 do. mackerel, 70, 1 kitt do. 2,25, 3 lbs saleratus, 17, 22 yds calico 2,45, bottle bitters, 45, 3 1-4 bu. salt 1,99, 2 galls. syrup 1,24
 1 gall. do. 40, bbl flour 7,00, bag do. 1,70, bu. rye meal, 90, 3 1-2
 do. oats 1,54, 2 lbs rosin, 27, 1 1-2 lbs ginger, 27, thread, 7, fish, 8
 2 1-2 lbs salmon, 44, 2 qts oil, 42, wicking, 4, saw frame & rod, 42
 3 1-2 yds drilling, 45, lash, 10, plow 7,50, 10 pap. gar. seeds, 50
 2 b. twine, 12, 1-4 lb snuff, 6, 2 sk yarn, 13, tub, 33, 3 1-2 twine
 45, 2 bu. corn 1,80, basket, 50, scythe, 87, 10 tumblers, 70, 1 yd.
 cloth, 9, tin horn, 12, alum, 2, scythe, 50, bottle bitters, 50, yard
 sheeting, 11, broom, 22, 1-2 lb pepper, 7, matches, 13, oz. camphor
 2, 6 rolls paper, 39, shoe trings, 6, 1-4 lb. cr. tartar, 10, Almanac
 4, pr shoes, 88, 81 29

Mrs. J. R. Johnson 5 bu. beans 5,99, scythe and 2 fork handles 1,00
 2 rakes, 34, 6 34

H. Moody 3 1-3 days' work haying 3 34

C. L. Clark 1 rennet, 25, 4 qts seed corn, 13, 10 days' work haying
 12,25, hbl. lime 1,75, bu. hair, 25 14 88

Cheney's Express plow point 80

Geo. Goodhue one day shearing sheep	1 50
Lewis Moody chopping 10 cords wood 4.00, shearing sheep .67	4 67
James McDaniels 2 pigs	3 50
C. L. Clark for services as Overseer of the Poor	22 12

Total paid for Poor on Farm, 410 33

EXPENSES OF POOR NOT ON FARM.

G. W. Conant half a day with County Commissioner	1 00
do. Town Clerks of five towns, fees for examining Records in M. Fox case	4 22—5 22
C. L. Clark for postage and stationery	1 75
J. F. Bryant for Wm. Welch for sawing wood 1.00, Fisher for work on wood .75, 2 qts molasses .18, 2 lbs sugar .18, plug tobacco .5 Fisher work on wood .34, do. do. .64, do. do. .67	3 71
David Heath for support of Irena Heath children from March 1, 1861 to March 1, 1862	21 84
J. F. Bryant for clothing for same	2 77
Mrs. J. R. Johnson boots and shoes for same	3 38
E. C. Chandler sarsaparilla for same	83
Wm. M. Whitmore for support of Thos. Whitmore from June 8 to Nov. 30, 26 weeks	26 09
J. W. Johnson for support H. Annis, ending July 4, 1861	6 70
C. L. Clark for expenses and time examining Records at Gran- tham, Acworth and Salisbury in rs. M. Fox's case	8 25
do. do. to Lebanon on Mrs John Fox's account	1 50

Total amount Poor not on Farm \$81 95

BILLS OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Town of Springfield—Hilliard Church, Carrying of Janette Quimby to Springfield	1 75
Plainfield—support of C. D. Banks' family. Mark Purmort's bill 21.44, J. F. Bryant's bill 9.46, B. F. Skin- ner's bill 3.00, Mrs. Whitmore's bill 8.00	41 90
Lebanon—for Mrs. Maxwell, ending July 4, 1861. Mark Purmort's bill 17.00, J. F. Bryant's bill 1.09	18 00
Lebanon—for John Fox's wife and child. I. W. Sulloway's bill 1.25, Mrs. J. R. Johnson's bill 1.05	2 30
Canaan—for Wm. B. Gordon. B. F. Skinner's bill	85 00
Wilmot—for Wm. P. Sanborn's family. J. F. Bryant's bill	3 00

Total bills of other towns \$91 95

County—for G. W. Conant.

For preparing County claims 1.00, fare to Haverhill to settle with County Commissioner 3.10, time and expense 3.60	7 60
For Wm. Maxwell's family after July 4, 1861. Mark Purmort's bill	15 72
For Wm. Maxwell before July 4, 1861. Mark Purmort's bill 11.00, Mrs. J. R. Johnson's bill 31.22	
J. W. Sulloway's bill 1.25, B. F. Skinner's bill 1.25, J. Andrews' bill .42	31 76
For Thomas Wier and family. C. G. Morgan & Co.'s bill 12.68, E. E. Chandler's bill 4.86 S. Williams' bill 5.00, G. W. Clark's bill 1.90	24 44

For G. W. Fisher and family.

J. R. Johnson's bill \$7.80, Mark Purmort's bill 8.70, Wm. Washburn's bill 12.00, J. F. Bryant's bill .65, B. F. Skinner's bill 2.75	
C. L. Clark's bill 12.28, Betsey Goodrich's bill .86	75 04

For Martin Fox and wife.

B. F. Skinner's bill	1 00
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For Mercy Fox and boy.

J. R. Johnson's bill 1.50, I. W. Sulloway's bill 2.45, J. F. Bryant's bill .62	4 57
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For Hannah Annis, after July 4, 1861.

J. W. Johnson's bill 13.30, J. F. Bryant's bill 1.95	15 25
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For Mrs. Sarah Cross.

Joseph Cross for board 12 weeks	12 00
William Wilson for board for transient pauper	12 50
J. F. Bryant's bill for support of Geo. M. Bailey, transient	6 66
C. L. Clark at sundry times for transient persons	2 48
S. Williams do. do.	50
C. G. Morgan & Co. do. do.	1 75
Fare of Eleanor McConnell to Sherbrook, Canada	7 00
Thomas Wier, for support of Mrs. Barker	25 00

Total paid out for County Paupers	257 55
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Whole expense of Poor	841 78
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Recapitulation.**Dr.**

Expense of poor on Farm	410 33
do. not on Farm	81 95
Paid out for County Paupers	257 55
do. for other towns	91 95

\$841 78**Contra.****Cr.**

Received from the County	439 53
from other towns	102 45
from town Farm	179 91
of town Treasurer	119 89

841 78

Cost on Farm more than Income.

Expense poor on Farm	410 33
Balance due D. Moody	129 42

539 75

Due from County for board of paupers on Farm	252 58
Amount sold off from town Farm	179 91

432 48

Increase of Invoice on Farm	45 57
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478 06

Cost of poor on Farm more than Income	61 69
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Number of persons on Farm 6—two town and four County.

One death has occurred within the year past—Mrs. Abiah Eastman

*Invoice of property on the Town Farm, made by the
Selectmen Feb. 14, 1862.*

LIVE STOCK.

1 yoke oxen 120,00; 2 cows 55,00; 52 sheep 156,00; 13 hens 4,34; 2 shoats
21,00; 356 34

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

12 tons hay 120,00; 1 do. straw 5,00; 21 bush. wheat 31,50; 15 do. oats
6,00; 1-2 do. peas 50; 11-2 do. beans 3,00; 1-2 do. seed corn 50; 8 lbs.
dried apple 1,00; 1-3 bar. flour 2,40; 3 galls. molasses 1,26; 60 lbs.
lard 8,40; 35 lbs. candles 4,55; 10 lbs. tallow 1,00; 2 bush. corn meal
2,00; 3-4 do. rye meal 75; 10 galls. vinegar 2,50; 75 do. soap 12,50;
175 lbs. pork 17,50; 25 lbs. ham 2,50; 200 lbs. beef 10,00; lot soap
grease 4,00; 4 galls. pickles 2,00; 35 lbs. butter 5,84; 95 lbs. cheese
9,50; 100 bush. potatoes 25,00; 5 do. carrots 1,25; 1 do. corn 75; 1-2
bag salt 08; 1-4 bush. coarse salt 17; 2 bush. turnips 60; 20 heads cab-
bage 1,60; \$283 75

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

3 meat barrels 3,00; 2 cider barrels 2,00; 3 soap barrels 2,00; 2 vinegar
kegs 75; 4 wash tubs 2,50; 1 gallon bottle 25; 5 butter tubs 1,00; 2
stone pots 50; 1 drip pan 20; 7 tin pails 2,00; 2 traps 50; 1 salt mor-
tar 10; 1 lantern 75; 1 apple parer 1,00; 6 pails 75; 1 padlock 10; 1
pr. steelyards 25; 1 tin horn 13; 1 tin boiler 2,00; 2 churns 3,00; 1
cheese-press 1,00; 3 spinning-wheels 25; 10 beds and bedding 80,00;
1 sink 1,00; 4 table-cloths 50; 6 towels 50; 2 bureaus 2,00; 4 tables
1,50; 4 stoves and funnels 15,00; 1 brass kettle 1,00; 4 cupboard 5,00;
2 stands 2,00; 2 fire-shovels and tongs 1,75; 3 tea-pots 50; 4 bowls 30;
22 plates 1,33; 2 sets cups and saucers 25; 2 cases knives and forks
1,00; 1 clock 2,50; 4 candlesticks 30; 2 nappies 30; 3 mirrors 75; 18
chairs 2,00; 4 sad irons 80; 36 tin pans 5,00; 4 tin basins 50; 2 plat-
ters 50; 2 tea-kettles 1,50; 1 pitcher 10; 3 large iron kettles 2,50; 2
small do. 1,00; 1 dish do. 84; 1 dinner-pot 75; 1 cheese-tub 50; cheese
tongs and hoops 1,00; 1 basket 25; 1 clothes do. 25; 1 dish-pan 40; 2
sieves 35; 1 strainer 10; 5 chambers 50; doughboard and rolling-pin
50; 1 chopping-knife 25; 2 brooms 25; skimmer and bottle 25; 4 but-
cher-knives 56; 2 dust-pans and mop 75; 1 wash-dish 25; jug and
cream pot 75; 1 nappy 20; 1 tea canister 13; 11 tumblers 66; 1 sugar
bowl 13; 2 bean-pots 25; 1 fry-pan 75; tin-ware 48; 191 64

FARMING TOOLS.

Old cast iron pump and chain 75; sap holder 1,00; 76 lbs. chain 5,44; 1
binding-chain 50; 1 iron bar 1,75; 4 ox-sleds 5,00; Joiners' tools 4,00;
1 shave 50; 1 iron square 15; augers and chisels 50; 1 wood-saw 1,00;
beetle and wedges 50; 2 scythe snaths 1,50; 2 scythes 1,00; 2 shovels
2,00; 3 hay-forks 1,25; 1 drag 1,00; 1 drag-iron 25; 1 saw-set 40; 3
ox-yokes and bows 4,50; 4 hay-rakes 60; 1 large rake 50; 7 axes 3,00;
2 manure-forks 1,75; 2 hoes 80; 1 grindstone 2,50; 1 harrow 3,00; 4
plows 10,00; 1 winnowing-mill 6,00; 1 cart and fixtures 20,75; sled-
shoe timber 1,25; 5 baskets 1,50; ox-yoke timber 1,50; old cart tire
1,00; lot old scythes 50; 6 cattle ties; 60 sap buckets 50; 2 grain mea-
sures 1,00; 2 pr. sheep shears 1,30; 2 files 16; 1 bridle-chain 1,50; 1
sheep-stamp 40; 98 00

RECAPITULATION.

Live Stock	656 34
Provision and Produce	283 75
Household Furniture	191 64
Farming Tools	98 00
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Whole amount of Invoice	\$929 73

Reports of Liquor Agents.

DR.	E. C. CHANDLER.	CR.
1861—Feb. 10.		
Liquors and fixtures	50 51	By 103 galls. Alcohol sold \$98 15
Mar. 15 Bill and freight of Merdz	10 28	59 1-4 Hol. Gin sold 103 13
30	12 78	106 1-8 Amer. Gin 80 19
April 16 do. do.	31 65	24 1-2 Brandy sold 96 74
23 do. do.	16 24	5 1-4 Wine sold 16 83
29 do. do.	22 63	1 Barrel and 2 Kegs sold 2 60
May 13 do. do.	10 28	Liquors on hand 49 45
July 12 do. do.	11 65	Fixtures on hand 6 00
Aug. 28 do. do.	33 22	
Sept. 24 do. do.	20 81	Liquors and fixtures on hand 453 09
Oct. 11 do. do.	27 24	do. last Feb. 50 51
Nov. 14 do. do.	29 06	do. more now than then 4 94
29 do. do.	12 95	Cash paid Selectmen 43 60
Dec. 17 do. do.	26 48	
1862 Jan. 7 do. do.	14 07	
Feb. 14 do. do.	14 70	\$48 54
1 years service as agent,	60 00	
Profits to the town,	48 54	
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	\$453 09	

DR.	G. W. JOHNSON, from Feb. 1, to Sept. 1, 1861.	CR.
1861. Rec. Liquors	49 28	5 3-8 galls. sold 3 10
Kegs and fixtures	6 00	49 do. M. Rum 42 81
Feb. 4. Medicine and Keg	7 15	17 3-4 do. Alcohol 17 56
March 12. Merchandize	10 40	13 1-16 do. Gin 21 15
April 19. do.	5 90	2 7-16 do. Brandy 14 65
May 23. do.	39 06	2 1-2 do. Wine 5 48
Jan. 1. do.	7 00	2 3-8 do. Whiskey 8 10
July 16. do.	12 02	7 bottles Porter sold 2 80
Aug. 28.	8 37	Kegs sold 5 50
7 months service as agent, \$23 33		Liquors on hand 47 04
Profits to the town, 9 43		Kegs and fixtures on hand 3 75
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	\$177 94	\$177 94

Dr. A. V. COX, from Sept. 6, 1861 to Feb. 17, 1862.

Town of Enfield 1861, Sept. 6,		Town of Enfield to A. S. Cox, Dr.	
To Liquors as invoiced	\$47 04	Feb. 17, Liquors in the Agency,	\$46 31
Oct. 28. Medford Rum & Whisk.	30 58	Paid E. F. Porter for liquors	79 37
Nov. 20. Holland Gin	12 16	Demijohn kegs &c.	9 75
1862. Jan. 6. Alcohol	5 64	Accounts due	3 96
30. B. Whiskey	7 22	for book	22
Feb. 8. Holl. Gin	13 57	2 measures	30
12. Cider Brandy	4 00	1 pt. alcohol 13; 1 do. Rum 11, 24	
	120 21	Ex. on money	60
Add 33 1-3 per cent.	40 07	Postage stamps	48
	\$160 28	1 pt. Rum	11
Demijohn, kegs &c.	9 75	Services selling	17 87
Cash.	2 11		\$159 21
Accounts due	3 96		
	\$176 10		
	159 21		
Profits to the town	\$16 89		
Paid Selectmen	10 00		
Due the town	\$6 89		

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. SMITH, }
B. F. BURNHAM, } Auditors.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH, 1862.

PREFATORY REMARKS.

It is perhaps proper to mention here at the outset, that the Summer and Fall Schools were all under the supervision of Mr. Samuel Williams, who resigned the office of Superintending Committee, that he might serve in the wars of his country ; and that the present incumbent was appointed November 21, and has copied Mr. Williams' Reports for the time in which he held the office.

The following Report is respectfully submitted.

SCHEDULE.

District No.		Teachers.	Wages of teachers per month, including board.	Length of School in weeks.	Whole No. of scholars attending School.	Average attendance.
1	Summer.	Miss A. R. Blodgett, 1st dep.	20 00	11	38	34
		Miss M. E. Whitmore, 2d dep.	16 00	11	43	38
	Fall.	Miss A. R. Blodgett, 1st dep.	20 00	11	43	34
		Miss M. E. Whitmore, 2d dep.	20 00	11	32	26 ¹ / ₁₀
	Winter.	Miss A. R. Blodgett, 1st dep.	24 00	11	38	32
		Miss L. J. Burleigh, 2d dep.	16 00	11	32	25
2	Summer.	Miss Emma C. Webster.	11 00	12	14	11
	Winter.	Mr. D. M. Atwell.	18 00	12	19	14
3	Summer.	Miss Alfreda H. Hobart.	7 87	7	10	10
	Winter.	Mr. George W. Jones.	16 28	10	12	10
4	Summer.	Miss H. S. Tilton.	16 00	9	20	16
	Winter.	Mr. William Hazen.	22 00	7 ³ / ₈	23	19
6	Summer.	Miss E. P. Wright.	11 00	10	10	8 ² / ₅
	Winter.	Mr. Stillman Clark.	18 00	14	24	20
7	Summer.	Miss Emma Hazeltine.	12 00	10	13	12
	Winter.	Mr. Foster D. Edwards.	21 00	12	16	13
9	Summer.	Miss Ruth K. Cole.	*	8	14	11 ¹ / ₂
	Winter.	Mr. Henry Shepard.	27 00	12	30	23
10	Summer.	Miss Lorenda M. Addison.	14 00	12	20	15
	Winter.	Mr. William Graves.	23 00	11	25	17
11	Summer.	Miss Hattie A. Smith.	18 00	11	37	31
	Winter.	Miss Hattie A. Smith.	22 20	14	38	30 ¹ / ₅
12	Summer.	Miss Alice L. Sulloway.	14 00	8	29	27 ¹ / ₂
	Winter.	Miss Mariam E. Smith.	16 00	12	33	24
		Miss Mary M. Irish.	*			
	Summer.	Miss Ellen W. Russell.	*	16	24	22 ³ / ₈
13	Winter.	Mr. Sylvester Russell, Jr.	*	12	24	22 ⁷ / ₂
14	Summer.	Miss Francina Smith.	6 00	10	7	6
	Fall.	Miss Francina Smith.	7 00	17	7	5
15	Summer.	Miss Abbie S. Sargent.	12 00	17	14	12 ¹ / ₂
	Winter.	Mr. Augustus Shepard.	20 00	13	22	19
16	Summer.	Miss M. F. Stickney.	*			
	Winter.	Mr. A. W. Brownell.	18 00	13	9	8
17	Summer.	Miss Harriet A. Fowler.	14 00	10	25	16
	Winter.	Miss Harriet A. Fowler.	16 00	12	25	18
18	Summer.	Miss Rosetta Cummings.	*	13	15	14
	Winter.	Mr. James Russell.	*	12	11	10

* Not reported.

GENERAL REMARKS.

DISTRICT No. 1. NORTH ENFIELD.

During the time I have had the supervision of the schools there have been in this district two terms of school in each department. The higher was taught by Miss A. R. Blodgett; the primary by Miss M. Whitmore.

Miss Blodgett labored faithfully and efficiently in her department, and fully sustained the high reputation she has earned as a teacher. Great improvement was manifest in the department of the scholars, who were orderly and studious at my last visit, while at my first they were the reverse.

Those scholars who had been punctual in their attendance, showed that they had been thoroughly taught, and, consequently, understood what had been passed over. Other prosperity of the School was impaired by sickness and irregular attendance, the latter has, in many instances no excuse, and will paralyze the efforts of the best teacher, and destroy the interest of any class thus afflicted.

If parents would have a School successful in the highest degree, they must not only see that they have a competent teacher, but also that their children are punctual and constant in their attendance.

It is no easy task to manage well so large a number of small Scholars as were in the primary department in this district. Yet Miss Whitmore's success was commendable. In their deportment the Scholars were orderly and pleasant. And they made good improvement in their studies.

During the Winter term the higher department was again under the charge of Miss A. R. Blodgett, who discharged her duties with most marked success. At my first visit the school was rather noisy; but in other respects the order was creditable, and the pupils evidently satisfied with their teacher, which gave promise of great progress. And although sickness and irregularity of attendance greatly injured the progress of some, still on the whole my expectations have been fully realized. At my second and final visits the order was complete; and the most marked progress had been made in all the studies to which attention had been paid; but in nothing was the excellence of the instruction received more evident than in the reading of all the classes, but especially of the first class, which is considerably in advance of any other in town. This school also stands high in Mathematics, Geography and Grammar.

The primary department of this school was taught during the Winter term by Miss Lucy Jane Burleigh, who deserves high commendation for her success in securing not only the good will of her young pupils, but also good progress in their studies; and, what is especially difficult in such a school, *good order*. This department, however, as well as the higher, has suffered severely in common with most of the schools in town, from prevailing epidemics.

DISTRICT No. 2. SHAKER HILL.

This School was taught in Summer by Miss E. E. Webster. The classes made good progress and were generally correct in their reci-

tations. Some few instances were noticed which detracted from the otherwise good appearance of the school.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. David M. Atwell with as good success as could well be expected, considering the amount of sickness among the scholars. The recitations showed good and careful instruction, and were creditable to the scholars; and good order was secured, and preserved.

DISTRICT No. 3. JONES' HILL.

The Summer term of this School was taught by Miss Alfreda H. Hobart. It passed a good examination at its close, showing that the scholars had been well taught in elementary principles. This district has shown wisdom in procuring a set of outline maps. They not only serve to beautify the school room, but are *useful* objects of interest to the scholars. Other districts would do well to "Go and do likewise."

The Fall term was under the care of Mr. George W. Jones. This was his first effort at teaching. The result of his labors was commendable.

DISTRICT No. 4. EAST VILLAGE.

Mrs. H. Tilton had charge of the summer school in this district. In deportment great improvement was made. The pupils were much more studious and orderly at the close than at the commencement of the term. The classes were better arranged and made fair improvement.

The Winter term suffered from the necessity of a change of teachers. The School commenced under the most favorable auspices under the charge of Mr. Gideon Morse, a teacher known and beloved throughout the district. But after two days and a half he was compelled by sickness to resign his place, and Mr. William Hazen was employed to fill his place. It is probable that the disappointment of the pupils in losing a favorite teacher tended to make the task of reducing the school to perfect order more difficult than it otherwise would have been. But still, there has been much of advancement in this respect, and a good degree of progress made.

The School house is inconvenient and uncomfortable, and ought to be repaired immediately.

DISTRICT No. 6. EAST HILL.

Mrs. E. J. Wright, taught the Summer school in this district. At its close a great change was manifest in the appearance of the scholars. Instead of the idle and careless demeanor exhibited at the first visit, order and good attention to studies were observed, giving promise of better things yet to come.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Stillman Clark, a gentleman of large experience in teaching, and who has learned that the first step toward a good school is to secure complete order, and his success in this respect, in this district, deserves our highest commendation. He has also succeeded in awakening a noble ambition to make progress which we consider a harbinger of good for this school.

Excellent progress was made in all the branches taught, especially in Reading, Mathematics and Geography.

DISTRICT No. 7. R. GAGE'S.

The Summer term of this school was under the charge of Miss Emma Haseltine. The district was fortunate in securing the services of such a teacher.—qualified for her place and willing to do her duty, and as a consequence good improvement was made in all the branches taught. This school averaged but one less than the whole number of scholars.

Twenty-four visits by citizens and others are recorded, showing that there has been an interest manifested in the welfare of the school; for it is not probable that the taste and beauty displayed in the architecture of the school-house either external or internal would attract that number within its doors, unless they came to visit it as a curiosity of the past.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Foster D. Edwards, and has been as successful as ought to be expected in such a house. The poorest occupied school-room I ever saw—and where sickness has so prevailed. The teacher has done well; has been thorough and efficient in instruction, has given good satisfaction, and deserves great credit for being willing to stay in such a house at all.

DISTRICT No. 9. CAMBRIDGEVILLE..

Miss Ruth K. Cole had charge of this school in the Summer.

No report of the prosperity of this school can be made, as it closed a few hours too soon for the second visit of the committee.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Henry Shepard, and under his instruction the school has enjoyed the advantages of an excellent school-room and a teacher of high order. And the progress made clearly shewed that these advantages were appreciated.

Happy would it be for every district could they secure the services of such a teacher, and would they co-operate with the teacher as do the people here.

DISTRICT No. 10. GEORGE HILL.

The Summer term here was under the charge of Miss L. M. Addison. A few of the classes did well; while others failed to show the improvement they ought. The faithful co-op ration of all the scholars—an element essential to the greatest prosperity of any school—was not secured.

The Winter term taught, in part, by Mr. William Graves, was not on the whole as prosperous as we could have wished. The school appeared very well at the first visit, and no complaints appear to have been made for about seven weeks of the nine he taught. When a difficulty arose in the district which led him to decline further service.

Miss Belle E. Heath was employed to keep out the remaining funds, but she has made no report of her doings. But difficulties as that which arose in this district are more than sufficient to destroy all the good that any teacher might do, even while the school lasts, and the influence they exert for evil is likely to extend far into coming time.

DISTRICT No. 11. CENTRE VILLAGE.

This school was taught in the Summer by Miss Hattie A. Smith. This was her second term in this school. And the success that crowned her labors is good evidence that the confidence and appreciation she receives from the people of the district is justly merited. Good advancement was made in all the departments of study pursued.

Miss Hattie A. Smith was again employed for the Winter term, and full well has she sustained her well earned reputation. Long experience and a love of her employment have conspired to make her an accomplished and successful teacher, and her School has made rapid progress in all the studies pursued, and now ranks among the very best in town. The order, and promptness in recitation deserve high commendation.

DISTRICT No. 12. GEORGE SEAVER'S.

Miss A. L. Sulloway taught the Summer term with eminent success. She was prompt and energetic in the performance of her duties, and the scholars were required to be so in theirs.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Mariam E. Smith, with great profit to all the pupils, pleasure to the parents in the District, and comfort to herself. The closing exercises evinced the effect of careful training. The recitations were generally correct, while the order of her school deserves special commendation. The parents and friends deserve much credit for the interest they take in the school, and their reward is sure.

DISTRICT No. 13. CHURCH FAMILY.

The Summer term was taught by Mary W. Irish, assisted by Miss Buzzel. This school, in all its branches, is worthy of praise. The reading was excellent. In penmanship it is in advance of any other school in town, every scholar being instructed in this art. The school room is well supplied with blackboards, globes, maps, books of reference and other valuable aids for giving instruction, showing that the educational interests of the scholars are well cared for.

The Winter term was taught by Sylvester Russell, Jr., assisted by Samuel J. Kenniston. What was said of the Summer term of this school may be applied in all respects to the Winter term. Neatness, order, punctuality and promptness reigned in every thing. The great effort of the teacher has been to make all knowledge, here acquired, thoroughly practical; and great success has apparently crowned his efforts. The peculiar excellence of this school does not seem to lie so much in its remarkable advancement in any one branch — if we except penmanship — as in its general advancement in all branches, and in this it is worthy of all praise.

DISTRICT No 14. H. PURMORT'S.

A Summer and Fall term have been taught in this District by Miss F. D. Smith. These were her first efforts at teaching, and in a good degree successful. No other school in town is so well instructed in the geography of their own State as this.

DISTRICT No. 15. FOX HOLLOW.

Miss Abbie S. Sargent taught the Summer term, in which great improvement was made in deportment and studies. It appeared not to have been the aim of the teacher to drill her scholars so as to excel in one or two particular branches, but all received proper attention. The District would do well to secure her services as long as practicable.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Augustus Shepard, with good success. Great pains were taken to make every recitation passed over thoroughly understood; and the scholars indicated that the teacher's labor was not in vain. He has succeeded in awakening an interest in the minds of his pupils in their studies which will not soon expire.

DISTRICT No. 16. PHILIP SARGENT'S.

This school was taught in summer by Miss M. F. Stickney. This is a small school well cared for and instructed by their teacher. No word of praise can be bestowed upon the school-house.

The Winter term was under the charge of Mr. A. W. Brownell; who appears to have labored faithfully in the discharge of his duties, and with commendable success.

DISTRICT No. 17. FRSHMARKET.

Miss Harriet A. Fowler, who taught the Summer term, has been faithful in her duties and has met with good success. Good government was maintained and the deportment of the scholars commendable.

Miss H. A. Fowler was again employed to teach the Winter term and has met with her usual success. The slight disorder which arose at one time, from the unprovoked rudeness of one of her pupils, does not detract in any degree from her merit as a preserver of order. She has labored with diligence and energy, and good progress has been made.

DISTRICT NO. 18. BARKER FAMILY.

This school was taught in Summer by Rosetta Cummings, was managed it with discretion and success. In penmanship this is the second school in town.

The Winter term was taught by James Russell, whose success has certainly done him great credit. The school room, like that of No. 13, is well furnished with blackboards, maps, charts, books of reference, &c. Only one instance of tardiness is reported among the pupils; and one of the results of such punctuality is seen in the uniform progress of the school in all the branches taught.

 GENERAL REMARKS.

The Summer schools have been very successful. But one or two instances of complaint have been heard. This harmony of feeling and action, probably, arises from the fact that with but few exceptions the teachers have been those of tried ability, who have labored to make their schools as efficient as possible.

If Prudential Committees will make it a principle to engage none but teachers of experience, or those who pass a *thorough* examination, the schools will continue to improve ; provided, further, that parents see that their children are prompt and constant in their attendance at school. The schools during the past Summer have suffered more from these last mentioned evils than all others.

The Winter schools have in general been prosperous and successful. No one of them, however, has entirely escaped, and some have suffered severely from the prevailing epidemics. One of the results is, of course, a very low average attendance compared with the whole number of scholars.

It again becomes the duty of your Committee to say that the evils so forcibly set before the people of this town one year since, have not all been removed. Unwarrantable irregularity of attendance, and a great multiplicity of text-books still remain to annoy the teachers, and to retard the progress of the scholars.— These evils should be corrected at once.

The imperfect manner in which some of the Registers are kept is incompatible with perfectly accurate reports. Guessing is not the right way to make out average attendance. And those who attempt it are liable to have their work reviewed and their errors brought to light. The town has a right to know the facts, and will not be long content without them.

Outline Maps are still needed in many of the schools. Every school should have a set, and also a copy of Webster's Dictionary, unabridged.

The following text-books are again recommended :—

Town & Holbrook's Progressive Readers and Spellers ; Colton & Fitch's Geographies ; Adams' and Colburn's Arithmetics ; Town's Grammars ; Goodrich's and Quackenbos' Histories of the U. States ; and Worcester's Outlines of History.

These are not recommended because they are considered altogether better than any others, but because they are really good and already very generally introduced and because a multiplicity of text-books is so great an injury to any school.

The interests of the schools of this town have, as a whole, made a large step in advance during the past year. In some of our schools an impulse has been given to the pursuit of knowledge, such as awakens glad hopes for coming years. "Be not weary in well doing." Remember that the children who are now taught in our schools are the "hope of future time," and that as they are taught so will they be the glory or the shame of the future of our town.

WM. O. BALDWIN, S. S. COMMITTEE.

ENFIELD. FEB. 17, 1862.

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